

In the
Indiana Supreme Court



IN THE MATTER OF)

APPROVAL OF LOCAL RULES)

FOR PORTER COUNTY)

Cause No.

64S00-1206-MS-334

ORDER RE-APPROVING CASELOAD ALLOCATION PLAN

Pursuant to Ind. Administrative Rule 1, the Judges of the Porter Circuit and Superior Courts, request this Court to re-approve their caseload allocation plan based upon their revalidation of the plan.

And this Court being duly advised, now finds that the caseload allocation plan for Porter County should be re-approved.


IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by this Court, based upon revalidation by the Porter Circuit and Superior Court Judges, that the Porter County caseload allocation plan is re-approved.

The Clerk of this Court is directed to forward a copy of this Order to the Hon. William E. Alexa, Porter Superior Court, 16 Lincolnway, Valparaiso, IN 46383; the Hon. Roger V. Bradford, Porter Superior Court, 16 Lincolnway, #338, Valparaiso, IN 46383; the Hon. David L. Chidester, Porter Superior Court, 16 Lincolnway, #228, Valparaiso, IN 46383; the Hon. Mary R. Harper, Porter Circuit Court, 16 Lincolnway, Valparaiso, IN 46383; the Hon. Julia M. Jent, Porter Superior Court, 3560 Willowcreek Road, Portage, IN 46368-5995; Jeffrey L. Thode, Porter Superior Court, 3560 Willowcreek Road, Portage, IN 46368-5995; to the Clerk of the Porter Circuit and Superior Courts; and to the Division of State Court Administration. The Clerk

is also directed to post this Order on the Court's website.

The Clerk of the Porter Circuit and Superior Courts is directed to enter this Order in the Record of Judgments and Orders for the Courts, to post this Order for examination by the Bar and the general public, and if available, to publish this Order and attachment on the county clerk's website.

DONE at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 13th day of June, 2012.



Brent E. Dickson
Chief Justice of Indiana

**In the
Indiana Supreme Court**

**IN THE MATTER OF)
REQUEST FOR APPROVAL)
OF LOCAL RULES)
FOR COURTS OF RECORD IN)
PORTER COUNTY)**

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO
RE-ADOPT CURRENT CASELOAD ALLOCATION PLAN**

The judges of Porter County have met and reviewed the 2011 weighted caseload statistics of the courts of record. This review reveals that the difference in utilization between the courts of record in 2011 is **NOT** within the .40 variance permissible under Ind. Administrative Rule 1(E).

HOWEVER, Accordingly, we have decided to re-adopt the local rules setting forth the caseload allocation plan. These local rules have previously been published for public comment as required by Trial Rule 81 and have been approved by the Supreme Court. We request that the Supreme Court approve the re-adoption of the current caseload allocation plan.

The reason/justification for this request is that the Porter County Council has authorized the employment of an additional judicial officer. Further, the Porter County Commissioners have authorized the build-out of an existing structure to house the additional court and its staff. This person will handle all Title IVD cases in Porter County, to include the juvenile court. This additional court will be in operation this year.

The case division would be as follows: CO1 (DO5) would go from 2 judicial officers to 2.2 (1.12); DO1 would go from 2 judicial officers to 2.2 (1.16); DO2 would go from 2 judicial officers to 2.2 (1.11); DO3 would remain at 1 judicial officer 1.0 (1.00); DO4 would go from 1 judicial officer to 1.2 (1.41); and, DO6 would go from 1 judicial officer to 1.2 (1.43). These changes are based on the Courts' 2011 Temp. Adj. WCL.

Submitted this 24th day of May, 2012.

For the Courts of Record of Porter County

WILLIAM E. ALEXA, Judge
Porter Superior Court II